(b) in which of the Railway Zones incidents of thefts in running trains have been reported highest stating the percentage of rise in the thefts during 1988 and 1989 (till date) as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to effectively check the theft incidents in running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). There is no report available with the Government to indicate the rise or fall of the theft incidents on running trains. Information regarding the number of cases of thefts on running trains is not compiled by the Central agencies.

(c) Prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of State Governments, provides escorts on super-fast|Mail|Express trains according to local conditions and requirements. The Railway Protection Force also assists the Government Railway Police in this task as and when necesary.

Difficulties in lodging complaints about thefts in running trains

2972. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to lodge complaints about thefts in the running trains the passengers are required to get down at the nearest railway station to report the loss to the railway police which involves breaking of journey adding to their difficulties;

(b) whether Government have considered the questionof simplifying the procedure by providing necessary facility for lodging complaint i nthe train itself; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Railways have informed that the railway passengers need not break their journey for lodging complaints with the police about theft etc., on the running trains. A format has been introduced, which is available with the Train Conductors, Coach Attendants, Train Guards and Train Police Escort party, if any. The victim passengers can lodge their comlaints in this format and hand it over to one of the train accompanying staff mentioned above under acknowledgement. The train accompanying staff will get the complaint registered at the next Railway Police Station.

Loans granted by nationalised banks under Self Employment Scheme

2973. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons were granted loans by the nationalised banks under the Self Employment Scheme between 1985 and 1988;

(b) what was the maximum quantum granted to individual under this Scheme and what was the minimum; and

(c) what is the number of such persons who have been granted such loans State-wise year-wise and bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Under the Scheme for providing Self Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), introduced during the year 1983-84, the number of persons